

**MINUTES OF A BUILDING, GROUNDS, INSURANCE, AND SAFETY MEETING  
OF THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE, IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, ON MARCH 16, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Mark Hanson at 5:45 p.m. Members in attendance included Stephen Finney, Michelle Merritt, Lee Ann Lambert, Josh Turner, and Mark Menn. Ryan Weeks and Tom Rodgers were absent. Amy Graham and Deb Brewer were also in attendance along with Justin Greeley by phone.

Ms. Brewer presented the DOAP and 5311 grants for Hancock County Public Transportation. There are no changes to the previous years' grants. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Merritt, seconded by Ms. Lambert. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Graham stated an anonymous donor is donating a bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln to the county. The architect for the building commission stated that the first floor rotunda could withstand the statue. There was discussion regarding how the funding would be handled. Mr. Greeley was contacted by phone. He stated there could be a budget amendment or the county could talk to the auditor and see what they recommend. Mr. Finney motioned to approve the statue pending approval of the auditor, Ms. Lambert seconded the motion. All members present voted aye.

The jail is getting a new set of locks with software. The building commission is paying for the physical locks and is asking the county to take care of the IT part of it. This will transpire next year.

If there is inclement weather the sheriff is the person who can shut down the courthouse. If he is not available who can be contacted? Mr. Greeley will be looking into this.

The worker's comp report was passed around.

Ms. Merritt made a motion to recess until April 14 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Turner seconded. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Hanson